



**Mary Wootten Carpenter Community Room
&
The Delaware Room**

PURPOSE

The Mary Wootten Carpenter Community Room is intended to serve as a public meeting room. Its primary function is to provide space for library programs. At the discretion of the Library Director and Board of Commissioners it is available to other civic organizations affiliated with the library, along with the Delaware Room, and for rent to the public.

POLICY

The Mary Wootten Carpenter Community Room and the Delaware Room are available to organizations engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable activities, but may not be used for commercial purposes. Room reservations will be accepted from non-profit, for-profit organizations, and events.

Permission to use the room does not in any way constitute library endorsement of the user's point of view.

- Library functions will take precedence over any requests for meeting room use.
- Programs held in the meeting room may not disrupt library functions.
- If weather or any other unexpected event necessitates library closure, the library will not remain open for meeting room use, but the rental fee will be reimbursed. The library will make every effort to notify the organization's contact person of closure. The library is not responsible for alerting other members and attendees to the cancelled event.
- Activities in the meeting room must be open to the public. Meetings may be limited to the members of an organization, as long as membership itself is open to the public.
- The room is not available on a permanent basis for the primary activities of any group.
- The Board/Library Director reserves the right to deny, cancel, or suspend permission to any individual or organization that violates library policy, rules, or agreements.
- Anyone who violates local ordinances or state or federal laws will be asked to leave the premises and will be subject to prosecution. Violators removed from the library are not entitled to a refund of the rental fee.

DESCRIPTION

The Mary Wootten Carpenter Community Room's (large—multipurpose room) capacity is limited to:

- 65 people—tables and chairs
- 100 people—chairs only
- 139 people—standup reception

The Delaware Room's capacity is as follows:

- Maximum of 30 people
- Room cannot be rearranged nor can there be removal of tables

The large, multipurpose room is wired and equipped with Wi-Fi for computer-based activities. It is accessibly located on the first floor of the building, with two restrooms.

The room is available during the following hours ONLY:

Monday through Thursday: 10:00 am—6:45 pm

Friday: 10:00 am—4:45 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am—1:45 pm

***Failure to be out of the library prior to library's closing and/or return the room to previous condition with all trash removed, will result in being charged \$35 per hour or any portion of an hour, when the library is closed to the public.**

Meeting room use, including clean-up, must end fifteen minutes before the library closes. Reservations are confirmed once application is approved and payment is received.

If an organization cancels its event, it must notify the library as soon as possible. Failure to notify the library or without 24-hour notice may result in denied future rental use.

Payment: Rental fees are to be paid in full 7 days prior to use of the room, or the reservation will be cancelled. We accept cash, credit cards and checks. If an event is cancelled less than 24 hours before it is scheduled to occur, the fee will not be refunded and will be considered a donation to the library.

Insurance: For-profit organizations must provide a Certificate of Insurance, to be attached to the application. Certificate of Insurance must me a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per aggregate. Laurel Public Library must be listed as Additional Insured.

RESERVATIONS

The meeting rooms are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis. Telephone inquiries and the library calendar provide preliminary information about room availability, but scheduling is confirmed only after the attached registration form is received and approved by the Director/Assistant Director and payment received. Completed forms may be mailed or hand delivered to the library, faxed to the attention of the Director/Assistant Director, or emailed as attachments. Allow two business days for confirmation. Please contact the library if you have received no response at that time.

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AGREEMENTS

1. Organizations using the meeting room do so at their own risk. And those using the room are responsible for the actions of its members and guests.
2. Individuals in the meeting room are subject to all general library rules and regulations. Failure to abide by them, or these agreements, will result in cancellation or refusal of future privileges.
3. Organizations using the meeting room assume complete responsibility for the general safety of their groups and the general library public during their meeting.
4. Smoking, alcoholic beverages, gambling and controlled substances are strictly prohibited on library property.
5. The name, address, phone number and website may not be used as the official address of any organization except the Laurel Public Library and the Friends of the Laurel Public Library.
6. The renting organization is responsible for obtaining appropriate insurance coverage.
7. Nothing may be attached to walls or ceiling without permission from the Director/Assistant Director. No candles or other flames may be ignited.
8. Library staff is not to be responsible for handling incoming or outgoing telephone calls that pertain to non-library organizations or events.
9. Groups will not have access to the kitchenette and are responsible for all cleanup of the room with removal of all trash.
10. All rooms, including restrooms, closets and hallway, shall be left in the condition they were rented. If additional cleaning, trash removal, etc. is necessary after the meeting, the user shall be billed for costs.
11. Equipment, materials or furniture may not be stored in the library prior to or following an event without written permission from the Director/Assistant Director.
12. When a security alarm is triggered, everyone must leave the building immediately unless otherwise instructed by library staff. Police and fire stations receive the alert automatically.
13. The library reserves the right to monitor the event to ensure codes are followed and regulations are observed.
14. Emergency doors may not be used for entrance or exit except in a true emergency.
15. Permission to use the room may not be transferred to another individual or organization.
16. Organizations using the meeting room agree to hold the Board harmless from and against any losses, claims, actions, damages, liabilities, and expenses, including but not limited to those connected with loss of life, bodily injury or damage to property of whatever kind, including attorney's fees and costs, proximately caused by an organization's negligence.
17. The library reserves the right to disallow or revoke permission to use the meeting room on a case-by-case basis. Organizations which do not fulfill obligations as set forth in this policy may be denied future use of library facilities. A list of these organizations will be maintained by the library. If the organization wishes to appeal a refusal, it may submit a letter of appeal to the Library Board of Commissioners.
18. If additional tables or chairs are needed, you must contact the library staff to obtain the additional items needed and is not guaranteed due to availability. Library closets are for library staff only.
19. Private for-profit events need prior permission from the Library Director/Assistant Director regarding use of the community room and selling products or fees of any kind.
20. Events stated "Open to the Public" must be free and all-encompassing with no fees or selling products/services.

DISCLAIMERS: The library is not responsible for damage or theft to renter's equipment, used or left in the room, including but not limited to viruses to computer software. The library assumes no responsibility for equipment or materials left on premises. The library will attempt to contact the organization but after 15 days disposal of such items will be at the discretion of the library.

***Approved by the Laurel Public Library Board of Commissioners, - July 2024
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RESERVATION FORM

Application Date:

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

☐ **NON-PROFIT (501c3)** IRS ID/PIN: _____ (required)

☐ **FOR PROFIT** Certificate Of Liability Insurance (must be attached)

☐ **EVENT**

PURPOSE OF TYPE OF MEETING: _____

DATE OF MEETING: _____

Start time: _____ am/pm End time: _____ am/pm Anticipated attendance #: _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING ROOM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

LIBRARY EQUIPMENT

NUMBER OF TABLES: _____ NUMBER OF CHAIRS: _____ PROJECTOR/SCREEN: yes no

Please describe other equipment and who will provide it: _____

Please describe how the room will be used: _____

FEE SCHEDULE: FEES MUST BE PAID AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE

Non-Profit (501c3):	3 hour reservation	\$40.00	DUE _____
	Each Additional Hour	\$20.00	Due _____
	All Day (10AM-5PM)	\$200.00	Due _____

For-Profit:	3 hour reservation	\$100.00	DUE _____
	Each Additional Hour	\$20.00	Due _____
	All Day (10AM-5PM)	\$200.00	Due _____

Event:	3 hour reservation	\$60.00	DUE _____
	Each Additional Hour	\$20.00	Due _____
	All Day (10AM-5PM)	\$200.00	Due _____

Total Due: _____

I have read the terms and conditions governing the use of the Mary Wootten Carpenter Community Room/Delaware Room and hereby agree on behalf of my organization and myself, to adhere to and be bound by them.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

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Staff use only

___ Scheduled

___ Confirmed

___ Certificate of Insurance Attached

___ Fee Waived

___ Fee Collected

___ Cash

___ Check Verified

___ Date Paid

___ Staff Initials